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SANCTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

OBAMA IMPOSES SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA, EXPELS 35 DIPLOMATS IN RESPONSE TO ELECTION-RELATED HACKING

Tribune news services

In a sweeping response to election hacking and other bad behavior, President Obama on Thursday sanctioned Russian intelligence services and their top officials, kicked out 35 Russian officials and shuttered two Russian-owned compounds in the U.S. It was the strongest action the Obama administration has taken to date to retaliate for a cyberattack.

"All Americans should be alarmed by Russia's actions," Obama said, adding, "Such activities have consequences."

But President-elect Donald Trump said it was "time for our country to move on to bigger and better things." The Republican has refused to accept U.S. spy agencies' determination that Russia hacked to try to help his campaign, arguing Democrats are merely trying to delegitimize his election.

Yet in the face of newly public evidence, Trump suggested he was keeping an open mind. "In the interest of our country and its great people, I will meet with leaders of the intelligence community next week in order to be updated on the facts of this situation," Trump said.

In a bid to expose Moscow's cyber aggression, the U.S. also released a detailed report about Russia's hacking infrastructure that it said was

designed to help computer specialists identify compromised systems and prevent more hacking. And Obama said more action was coming.

"These actions are not the sum total of our response to Russia's aggressive activities," Obama said in a statement released while he was vacationing in Hawaii. The U.S. has previously left open the possibility it could mount a covert retaliatory strike.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Thursday that Moscow regrets the new sanctions and will consider retaliatory measures.

The White House has promised to release a report before Obama leaves office detailing Russia's cyber interference in U.S. elections, a move that could address Russia's complaints that the U.S. hasn't shown proof of its involvement. But the U.S. moved forward with the response Thursday even as the report has yet to be released.

Obama amended an executive order issued in 2015, meant to combat cyberattacks, to authorize sanctions on entities "interfering with or

undermining election processes or institutions." Under this new authority, Obama ordered sanctions against two Russian intelligence services, the GRU and the FSB, plus companies that the U.S. says support the GRU. The cybersecurity firm hired by the Democratic National Committee to investigate theft of its emails determined earlier this year the hacking came from the Fancy Bear group, believed to be affiliated with the GRU.

"While today's action by the administration is overdue, it is an appropriate way to end eight years of failed policy with Russia."

—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.)

The FSB is Russia's main domestic and counter-terrorism intelligence agency. The GRU is the Russian military intelligence agency. The president also sanctioned Lt. Gen. Igor Korobov, the head of GRU, and three of his deputies.

Though U.S. lawmakers have long called for Obama to be tougher on Russia, some Republicans have found that position less tenable now that Trump is floating the possibility of closer ties to Moscow.

"While today's action by the administration is overdue, it is an appropriate way to end eight years of failed policy with Russia," House

Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) said.

Obama said the hacking "could only have been directed by the highest levels of the Russian government," a contention the U.S. has used to suggest Russian President Vladimir Putin was personally involved.

Although the White House announced at the same time it was kicking out Russian officials and closing facilities, it said those were responses to other troubling Russian behavior: harassment of U.S. diplomats by Russian personnel and police.

The 35 Russian diplomats being kicked out are intelligence operatives, Obama said. They were given 72 hours to leave the country.

The two compounds being closed down are recreational facilities owned by Russia's government—one on the eastern shore of Maryland and the other on Long Island, N.Y.—that were also used for intelligence activities, the U.S. said. The White House said Russia had been notified that Russia would be denied access to the sites starting noon Friday.

Russian officials have denied the Obama administration's accusation that the highest levels of the Russian government were involved in trying to influence the U.S. presidential election. U.S. intelligence agencies concluded that Russia's goal was to help Trump win.



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I had been with my (now) ex-girlfriend for two years, and this year has taken a toll on us. She lost a parent and then we broke up for two months and got back together, but it was rocky. We broke up again the day before Christmas. I love her, but I doubt we will get back together. I need some advice. Thank you.

—Winter Is Sh**ty, Help

Dear WISH,

Stay broken up. Be firm this time, take a hard break (no texts, no talking, no nothing), and try like hell not to fall back on old habits when you get a tiny bit lonely, which you surely will because you're alive.

Your relationship ended and that sucks, but there was a reason for it (probably many reasons considering you broke up more than once) and it's not just because she lost a parent—but I do empathize with you there. My ex and I stayed together another year longer than we probably would have because her parent died rather suddenly.

Grief makes us cling harder to what is familiar, to reach for what is right in front of us. Everything else feels exhausting.

So don't get back together again. Let 2017 be a fresh start for you. Usually I don't much

care for arbitrary dates, but hey, a new year is just as good a time as any to reflect and hurl yourself into the unknown. You tried your damndest to make this relationship work, and now it's time to let it be and let it go.

While that's happening, I want you to go and learn a new thing. Whatever has been most interesting you lately, even if it's completely random and weird. Ice sculpting? Yes. Learning to play drums on a Hello Kitty drum kit? WHY NOT. Tango dancing, American Sign Language, cardio kickboxing, understanding Aristotle, powerlifting, starting a side business of organizing people's garages, learning to brew beer—whatever.

Pick something and devote yourself to it. This will distract you from your fresh-again pain, but more importantly, it will help you realize that you're not the same person you were a few days ago when your relationship ended.

You're a new person entirely. Someone who is constantly growing and changing and moving on.

So keep your head down and fixate on the here and now. Allow yourself to be heartbroken, but also to keep heading in the direction of the life you want to live.

Don't worry about finding someone new. The point is to be someone new.

You're going to be just fine, WISH.

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WHY WAIT?

YOUR EARLY-BUT-NOT-TOO-EARLY
2017 BEARS PREVIEW

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Editor's note: Each week during the NFL season, former Bears defensive lineman Alex Brown shares his football wisdom with RedEye. Responses have been edited for length and clarity. The Bears (3-12) play at Minnesota (7-8) at noon Sunday on Fox in their regular-season finale.



Alex Brown

The 2016 Bears season mercifully comes to a close Sunday. Which means fans can't turn the page quickly enough. Is Alshon Jeffery worth \$14 million per season? Who will be the starting quarterback come September? Heck, who will be the coach?

Understanding that everything can change dramatically in the months ahead, consider this your early-but-not-too-early 2017 Bears preview, featuring former Bears lineman Alex Brown.

The best thing to happen to the Bears in 2016 was ...

... the injuries. I don't think anyone thought we were going to win the Super Bowl, so you got to see what was on your depth chart. You got to see how players would play in big moments. Their evaluation process was going on all year, and I thought that was a good thing.

You got an injury to [running back Jeremy] Langford, and you found a kid in Jordan Howard that can really play. You get to see if Cameron Meredith can be a No. 1 [receiver]. We got a good grasp on our offensive line. You don't ever want to see injuries, but the best you can make of it, I thought that got done this year.

The worst thing to happen to the Bears in 2016 was ...

... the injuries. It's another year where you don't get to see what you got in [receiver Kevin White]. You don't get to see what you have in [linebacker] Leonard Floyd. You invest a lot into these draft picks and then they get hurt and you don't get to see what you have in them.

You build a team from the line of scrimmage back. The offensive line could be set with one more solid pick. The defensive line is coming along. You have to factor in the linebackers because they play on the line of scrimmage as well. They've got a lot of talent at that position. They just have to get those guys a lot more reps, and they have to stay on the field.

True or false: John Fox will be the head

coach of the Bears in 2017.

False. If the thought is that you're going to have a young quarterback next year, is Fox going to stay around for another four or five years to see that quarterback turn this thing around? Or do you get a younger guy to come in here and do that? I'm gonna say false. [Whereas with defensive coordinator] Vic Fangio, with what he was able to do on the defensive side of the football, you can't let him go. He continues to put out a competitive defense.

True or false: Alshon Jeffery will be a member of the Bears in 2017.

True. I don't think he's going to get what he wants in a [long-term] contract. But it still has to make sense [for the Bears]. The Bears are better with him, for sure. His price tag to me isn't \$14 million a year. But if it's a price the Bears can handle, then yeah, bring him back.

True or false: The Bears will draft a quarterback in the first round.

It depends. If it's their guy, then heck yeah, you take him and ride with him. If it's not your guy, then you don't take [a] quarterback just for the sake of taking a quarterback. There are other ways to win without having a cream-of-the-crop quarterback.

True or false: The Bears will be better than 8-8 in 2017.

True. If we get a rookie quarterback in here, then probably not. But if you [go] with a guy like [Matt] Barkley, I think they can be. I think the defense will be a top six or seven defense, and you have a nice running back and a good offensive line.

Choose one: The Bears' starting quarterback in Week 1 of the 2017 season will be Matt Barkley, Brian Hoyer, Jay Cutler, or a to-be-determined draft pick.

Brian Hoyer. I think Hoyer will come back. I like Barkley though, man. ... We played Tom Brady in '06 and he had [two] interceptions. Nobody said after that that he's terrible. ... But because nobody really believed in Barkley, he can't do anything wrong because then people will magnify it to be the end-all, be-all. Let's say he takes two steps forward. Then he's a legitimate starting quarterback in this league. Right now, assuming everything stays the same, I hope that it's Barkley, but because of the veteran presence Hoyer brings, I think they would start him in Week 1.

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You have to ask yourself...

By Dan Wiederer | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

When the clock strikes midnight Saturday, only two teams will have completed the 2016 calendar year with fewer wins than the Bears: the Browns and 49ers. For every issue the Bears thought they'd solve this season, two or three others have sprung up. The current struggle feels like the most brutal of Chicago winters, cold and harsh and unrelenting. And as a new year closes in, significant questions continue piling up.

» With John Fox constantly reinforcing that professional football is a results-based business, what significance should be attached to his **.290 winning percentage** as Bears coach?

» Among the six other NFL head coaches who were hired in 2015—Gary Kubiak, Jack Del Rio, Dan Quinn, Rex Ryan, Todd Bowles and Jim Tomsula—**where does Fox rank?** (In victory total alone, he's sixth.)

» Should it be alarming that 2016 head coaching hires Adam Gase and Ben McAdoo already have **more wins in their first seasons** than Fox has in two years with the Bears?

» With an offense that has scored only 28 touchdowns in 15 games, has coordinator **Dowell Loggains** shown enough to keep the controls for a second season?

» Will Fox and defensive coordinator **Vic Fangio** remain united in 2017?

» How quickly and gracefully will the Bears cut ties with quarterback **Jay Cutler** this offseason?

» Is drafting a quarterback in the **Top 5** a practical path given this year's mediocre crop of passers?

» Whom would the Bears rather keep: **Brian Hoyer** or **Matt Barkley**?

» With **11 turnovers in five starts**, have Barkley's biggest flaws been exposed? Or with added experience, would he make dramatic improvement?

» Can **Alshon Jeffery** remain healthy and available for a full season without running afoul of the NFL's rules on performance enhancing drugs?

» How big of a factor should Jeffery's **four-game suspension** be in the team's decision to re-sign him or let him go?



Bears wide receiver Cameron Meredith avoids a tackle by Detroit's Tahir Whitehead on Dec. 11. AP

» Has there been a better diamond-in-the-rough find for the Bears than receiver **Cameron Meredith**?

» With two concussions in the past five weeks, is there reason to worry about **Leonard Floyd**'s long-term well-being?

» How should we contextualize the 28 games receiver **Kevin White** will have missed over his first two seasons?

» **Nineteen players** on Injured Reserve? Is that bad luck or a sign of a deeper systemic issue?

» How will guard **Kyle Long** handle the physical and mental taxation of an offseason that will require rehabilitation from two major surgeries to two different body parts?

» Did the **2012 Bears** really have more takeaways in an eight-game span than the current Bears' defense has had in the past two years?

» Is the **draft** really still 17 weeks away?

» **What now?** No really, what now?



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From pain to portraits

After a serious injury, Mariam Paré found a new way to make art

By **Shelbie Lynn Bostedt** | REDEYE

Mariam Paré pulled up to a stop sign in Richmond, Va., in the driver's seat of her friend's minivan. A moment passed before she heard a loud bang. The windows on the car shattered, and she felt her body go limp.

A bullet from an unknown assailant had passed through the side of the car and her headrest and landed between her shoulder blades, leaving her with a C5/C7-level spinal cord injury.

"It wasn't until I got to the hospital and they were cutting my clothes off of me that I heard the words 'gunshot wounds,'" the Naperville native remembered of her time in the hospital 20 years ago. "I thought maybe I had gotten electrocuted. I didn't even know what happened."

On that day in 1996, Paré, then a 20-year-old aspiring artist with dreams of attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, became a quadriplegic. She was told she'd never walk again and that it would be a challenge to use her upper extremities. Once a skilled painter on the road to art school, Paré suddenly found herself unable to so much as hold a pencil, let alone paint with a brush. When she was finally able to return home, she began her recovery at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

"It was just a crazy time of uncertainty," she remembered. "Was I going to go back to school? Who was I going to live with? Who's going to take care of me? I couldn't even take care of myself."

Returning home to Naperville didn't mean getting back to her everyday life. Paré's parents were recently divorced without a home for her to return to, so she found an assisted living facility and kept going to rehab, hoping to find new ways to become self-sufficient.

One of the first tasks she was challenged with was re-learning how to write her own name. She couldn't quite master writing with her hands, which is when someone suggested she try to put the pen in her mouth. Something clicked.

"It sounds so stupid now, but it was an epiphany for me," she said. "My mouth could make the same marks that my hands could make."

Still, Paré had no idea if she would ever be able



LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

to paint again. Not much of her former life was recognizable, but being able to write her name, though not as she would have before, signaled that there were more remnants of herself left to be salvaged.

"I didn't know if I'd be able to live on my own, let alone still have art in my life," she said. But after she practiced her signature with her mouth, Paré received paints from her occupational therapist and set out to teach herself how to paint again. Only this time with her mouth.

"It was the one thing that I had from my former life, I still had my art," she said. "Out of all the things that changed, out of all the things that I had lost the ability to do, there's that one thing I could still do, and that was paint."

Paré poured every fiber of her being into teaching herself to paint again, out of what she calls her "survival mode"—a mechanism to keep herself grounded and moving forward. Using any spare minute she could find, Paré started with stick figures and progressed to simple drawings, committing herself to relearn the craft with the same vigor she had as the "weird art kid" in elementary and middle school.

"Learning how to paint again gave me a purpose and pulled me through that time," she said. "Especially with everything else that

was so uncertain, to have something to strive for served as my catalyst to survive."

Today, 20 years after her injury, Paré is painting on par with her abilities prior to the accident. Her work has been shown in galleries throughout Chicago. She's displayed pieces in the Lurie Center, Per Populus Gallery and the Bridgeport Art Center—where she'll occasionally perform mouth painting demonstrations—to name a few.

Paré continues to expand on her skill set, constantly switching up her subject matter and mediums. In the past few years, she began experimenting in portraiture. Initially, self portraits fit the bill, though she's moved on to painting others—namely celebrities. Paré has garnered a few famous fans along the way. Pierce Brosnan went so far as to invite her to his home in Malibu to talk shop (Brosnan is an artist himself) after seeing her portrait of his likeness. And Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb of the "Today Show" occasionally have one of her portraits hanging behind them on set.

When she's not showing in galleries, Paré is booked for public speaking engagements, using her story as an inspiration for others throughout the disability advocacy movement.

"People with disabilities are doing good things and are quite capable and employable,"

"It was the one thing that I had from my former life, I still had my art. Out of all the things that changed, out of all the things that I had lost the ability to do, there's that one thing I could still do, and that was paint."

— Mariam Paré, Naperville artist

she said, with an added emphasis on employable.

At the intersection of her disability advocacy and her artwork is the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists association. After a lengthy application process, Paré was admitted into the organization in 2006. The group has more than 800 members across 78 countries with an extensive screening process—it took Paré 10 years to fine-tune her craft as a mouth painter before she gained membership.

"It's not just like, 'Oh, you're disabled and you paint, come join our club,'" she explained. "You have to be vetted and juried." The MFPA

is wholly run and owned by artists with disabilities and its members, according to Paré.

Paré still continues to work on her craft despite having achieved so much during her second go at a career as a professional painter. In her apartment in a Naperville assisted living community, the walls of her studio are plastered with everything from portraits to still lifes, darker hues and vibrant palettes, showing just how eccentric her style can be as she navigates her identity as a mouth painter.

"I don't like to be bored, so I'm constantly trying new things that excite me," she said. "I'm always changing my subject matter because I get bored too quickly."

Most recently, Paré has been experimenting with acrylics, a medium she wasn't able to use at the beginning of her mouth-painting career because of how quickly they dry and the slower pace required to paint with something other than hands.

Paré's body of work has evolved and changed like any artist's despite her life-altering injury 20 years ago.

"Now that my skills are improving I'm getting to play and experiment with different mediums again, and it keeps it fun," she said. "Here I am, so many years later, doing the one thing that I set out to do so long ago."

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10^{top} celebrity stories of 2016

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Brangelina broke up. Kim Kardashian dropped off social media.

Hollywood lost the election. In a year when the seemingly impossible became reality on a very regular basis, the celebrity-scape hardly knew what hit it. Here are 10 of the most buzzed-about celeb stories from 2016.

10 Leslie Jones
Once the all-female "Ghostbusters" reboot opened in July, online trolls singled out Jones with a barrage of racist and sexist remarks. "I feel like I'm in a personal hell," she tweeted. "I didn't do anything to deserve this. It's just too much. It shouldn't be like this. So hurt right now." She bailed on social media for a while, but after she returned, her website was hacked. Stolen nude selfies of the actress were posted there along with her passport and driver's license. The site was shut down.

9 Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne
Sharon Osbourne skipped a day of work in May while rumors that she had kicked Ozzy out of their house were running rampant. The next day, she sipped a Beyoncé-inspired lemonade on "The Talk" and confirmed it: She kicked him out, he came back, she moved out instead. Ozzy had been cheating for years with his hairdresser, and the rock star declared he'd been caught up in sex addiction and headed for three months in rehab. So, the couple reunited.

8 Taylor Swift and Calvin Harris
Swift and Harris broke up in late May, which was initially amicable and notable primarily for how long the couple took to get there: They dated for over a year. Then in July someone leaked word of their secret collaboration on his summer hit, "This Is What You Came For," and her people confirmed it. Harris said his ex, who was by that time dating actor Tom Hiddleston, had wanted to keep her role secret and was now trying to make him look like a bad guy.

7 Kesha and Dr. Luke
Kesha's long court battle against music producer Lukasz "Dr. Luke" Gottwald was a bicoastal thing for most of the year, as the pop star fought to get out of her contract with a man she has accused of sexual and mental abuse. As the music producer maintained his innocence, famous women rallied around Kesha. In April, she said she had been offered "freedom" if she retracted claims that Dr. Luke had raped her. The other side disagreed. After losing in court multiple times over the year, Kesha is now appealing the decisions.

6 Johnny Depp and Amber Heard
Depp and Heard called it quits in May after a year of marriage. She filed for the split and also sought a temporary restraining order against the actor for alleged domestic abuse. The couple finally struck a deal in which he agreed to pay her \$7 million, and the restraining order request was dismissed. She said she'd be donating the money, so without her permission, he started paying it directly to a charity. She was not pleased, with her reps saying his action was not honoring their settlement and would get him a tax deduction.

5 Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian
Kardashian and Odom finally got divorced, but not before he got better, then got worse. She'd called off their split in 2015 after he nearly died from an overdose at a brothel. However, shortly after he was well enough to go cocktailing again—and he did—she refiled for divorce. On the day a judge gave the divorce the final OK, Odom checked himself into rehab.

4 Celebrities and the election
Once Bernie Sanders was out of the race, liberal Hollywood gave its all to support Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Fundraisers were hosted. Concerts were given. Tweets were tweeted. Famous people said they'd move to Canada, and all the while Alec Baldwin and Kate McKinnon made "Saturday Night Live" great again, with his Trump and her Clinton going at it weekend after weekend. Then Clinton lost. Hollywood still hasn't recovered.

3 Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie
Jolie shocked Pitt in September with a divorce filing asking for full physical custody of their six kids. Jolie accused her spouse of

getting physical with their oldest son, Maddox, but an investigation cleared the actor. Pitt currently has visitation with his children. The A-list's most famous parents have lawyered up and are hashing it out in L.A. County Superior Court. These days, Pitt is doing his best to keep certain aspects of the divorce private, after an unexpected filing from Jolie's team officially disclosed aspects of their temporary custody agreement.

2 Kim Kardashian
If it had happened to anyone else, the headlines would have read, "American Woman Held at Gunpoint Overseas in Scary Jewel Heist." Instead, a lot of people assumed the mother of two had made up her story about being bound and gagged and having her life threatened by masked men who broke into her Paris hotel room in October and stole millions of dollars worth of jewelry. In the months after the robbery, Kardashian essentially disappeared from the public eye. Police haven't been successful in finding any of the five robbery suspects, some of whom could be seen on surveillance video.

1 Kanye West and Donald Trump
This was the year when "Kanye being Kanye" turned into West being hospitalized after an apparent breakdown. In the days leading up to his doctor's 911 call, the rapper had praised Donald Trump, cut a show short after ranting about Jay Z and Beyoncé, nixed a show at the last minute and canceled the rest of his Saint Pablo tour. Dehydration and exhaustion were tossed around as the official reasons behind his eight-day stay at UCLA Medical Center. And two weeks after his release, West met with President-elect Trump for a chat and a photo op.



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie AP FILE

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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- 1 Hula _; twirling toy
- 2 Namesakes of Zsa Zsa's sister
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- 7 Fancy vases

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13	Finishes	33	Director Spike	49	up; tallies
19	Bodies of water	35	Radiologist's negative	50	Give for a time
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AP AND GETTY IMAGES/PHOTOS

STOP trying to make 'Mean Girls 2' happen

In a very Gretchen Wieners way, Lindsay Lohan won't let "Mean Girls 2" go. The 30-year-old actress starred in the 2004 hit movie from the mind of Tina Fey and is pushing hard for a sequel. "I have been trying so hard to do a 'Mean Girls 2.' It is not in my hands," she said in a CNN Facebook Live chat. "I know that Tina Fey, Lorne Michaels, all of Paramount [Pictures], everyone's very busy. But I will keep forcing it and pushing it on them until we do it." Don't be a Gretchen. Let it go.

Chill, dude

Trey Songz was arrested in Detroit on Wednesday night after going crazy on stage during a concert, according to Variety. When the venue cut his set off at the agreed-to time—around 11:30 p.m.—Songz, whose real name is Tremaine Neverson, became "belligerent and very irate," according to police. The Detroit Free Press reported that he threw objects from the stage and that an officer was injured in the incident. Can someone who isn't us tell him a Grammy nomination isn't a free pass to be a dick?

THE DIGIT

Ellen Pompeo and Chris Ivery have welcomed their third child, a son named Eli Christopher, according to the "Grey's Anatomy" actress' Instagram. The two have two older children, Stella Luna, 7, and 2-year-old Sienna May, who was born via surrogate. No details were given about the baby and his birth, but Ivery was seen hiking with him in pictures published by the Daily Mail earlier this week. The kid is fresh out of the womb and already more active than we are. Great.

Next up: The Moonwalk

Fresh off the dance floor of "La La Land," Ryan Gosling and director Damien Chazelle are teaming up again for a Neil Armstrong biopic, according to Variety. "First Man" will explore NASA's mission to land a man on the moon, focusing on Armstrong. The script, based on James R. Hansen's biography of the same name, was written by Oscar-winning "Spotlight" writer Josh Singer, and the film is expected to be shot in early 2017. One small step for man, one giant leap for Gosling's out-of-this-world smolder.

THE QUOTE

"Some of the magic people have left the tribe...for the moment I am inconsolable..."

—Joely Fisher, writing on Twitter on Wednesday night after the death of Debbie Reynolds, who died only a day after the death of Carrie Fisher, Reynolds' daughter and Joely Fisher's half-sister. We're right there with you, Joely.

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